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One thing is certain. If hoops are coming into style, feminine golf is going out.

The proposed coffin trust is a very grave matter, that should at once receive the attention of the trust owners.

Unlike President Roosevelt, Mr. Gates now feels that going out after bears is both dangerous and unprofitable.

Two coachmen have married rich women. They have demonstrated their ability to drive in double harness.

As a mild reform it would be just like Mr. Carnegie to set aside a small fund for the maintenance of decayed dukes.

There are some persons who never will believe that they cannot buy up all the wheat in the world until they have tried.

It has been discovered that women were correct as far back as 1600 B. C. Nevertheless the sex has managed to survive this now.

The St. Louis man who killed himself in order that his wife may be happy has not set an example that will be generally followed.

Forbes Robertson declares that Hamlet was not mad. Hamlet never saw himself portrayed on the stage by an amateur actor.

At the present rate of progress the chauffeur of the future will have to be a graduated physician, with a knowledge of embalming.

The son of a Pittsburg millionaire has secretly married a kitchen girl, but, if anybody, perhaps she may be the one to be commiserated.

Gabrielle d'Annunzio is said to be writing a tragedy based on the life of Nero. The fire scene, with the emperor's volition, will be great.

Now will the New York multimillionaire who fined \$25 for breaking the automobile ordinances ever be able to hear up under the blow?

Sarah Bernhardt says criminals are "infamous," but as she also describes trousers and silk hats, we conclude she's only half right after all.

A New York landlord announced that he will not make trouble for people who have babies in his flats. Some men would risk almost anything for notoriety.

As they never swear up in Maine, the legislature of that state has imposed penalties on anyone who swears, harasses or annoys another over a telephone.

Certainly those two French doctors never had any reason to dream that they would ever have an opportunity to perform an autopsy on the body of John Paul Jones.

Our ungallant probate court has adjudged a woman insane just because she says she is growing younger as her successive birthdays roll around.—Ohio State Journal.

King Victor Emmanuel and Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan had a very pleasant chat. The American money king is decidedly persona grata to the other king since the Ascoli affair.

Harvard students have shown that there are fifty methods of working one's way through college, but the chances are that none of them is so satisfactory as working dad's check-book.

A dispatch from Cleveland says Mrs. Chadwick is not receiving visitors. It is not necessary, however, for the doorkeeper to tell any this for the purpose of making callers think the lady is out.

In spite of that astrologer's horrid prediction about a coming earthquake that is going to destroy New York, we doubt if the Astor real estate will be advertised for sale at panic prices.

The April fool story printed in Berlin about the looting of Uncle Sam's treasury was taken seriously. The Scotch apparently are not the only people not retraining to get a joke into the brain cells.

It is announced that the American national game has made great progress in the land of the mikado. Seeing how the Japanese have been fighting all through the war, we thought that they could play baseball.

Mrs. Oliver Harriman, one of the most fashionable young women in New York, has decided not to go to Europe this year because she thinks she ought to stay at home with her baby. What is high society coming to?

It may be predicted with confidence that the new hoop skirt will be something different from the kind in vogue forty or fifty years ago. No opportunity will be given by the fashion makers for utilizing the contents of the attics.

There is in Philadelphia a woman who is suing an ostiend man for \$25,000 for alleged breach of promise. Her lawyer is probably justified in believing they can prove that the man gave her both the marble heart and the stony stare.

An Illinois man has just married the lady he began courting fifty years ago. We sincerely hope that the wedding is not merely the result of a feud upon the part of the gentleman that the taxing of bachelors may become general in this country.

A Pittsburg young man who is to inherit several millions of dollars has married a dancing girl whose father is a coal miner. It is to be hoped that he will brace up now and try to be worthy of her in spite of the disadvantages under which he has been reared.

The latest new international language, Esperanto, is so scientific and so simple that the whole grammar of it can be acquired by anybody in an hour. Let's all learn Esperanto right away.

QUIRE JOHN

A TALE OF THE CUBAN WAR

BY ST. GEORGE BATHURNE

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CHAPTER XXIX.—Continued.
As he looks he sees a sight that he can never forget. Jessie no longer stands there alone, for the crippled daughter of Don Robledo is at her side, one arm around her waist. Her attitude is striking—it declares that since Juanita is powerless to save the sister she loves, then welcome death in her company.

Then another wave of the fairy came, and a new coupling has occurred. Jack is unable to see the object of his solicitude because someone has come between—someone who springs out from the crowd of huddling, shrieking women, and snatching up a red shawl that has fallen from the shoulders of a senorita, actually starts to meet the charge of the bull.

He sees with simple amazement that it is not a man who thus defies death—the sated figure is no stranger to him.

"Ye gods! it is Lola Montez!" Every eye is upon her—even the terrified women forget to shriek now; hushed is the vast audience, as though a mighty pressure had been brought to bear upon the thousand throng.

Her motive was plain enough. This heroic maid of Havana, in order to save her fellows, seeks to attract the attention of the black cyclone toward herself. No nobler act of self-sacrifice could catch the human mind. Nor can she be ignorant of the fact that the fair-haired maiden foremost among those she seeks to save is her successful rival for the love of Jack Travers, which makes her action all the more amazing in the eyes of that individual.

Lola Montez has been many a heroine under Cuban skies, and with years of her life spent in Mexico, she has, like all her sisters, gazed upon and possibly enjoyed the national sport, which seems so cruel and shocking to foreign eyes.

Hence, she knows full well the danger she chances in this facing an infuriated toro bent upon increasing the number of victims.

Under such conditions people can only act through impulse, since time will not allow a calm consideration of the question.

It is the heart that urges one on, rather than the reasoning of the brain.

Generous impulses spring to the front, and when danger threatens, many a man whom no one ever dreamed of calling a hero stands at the engine until death overtakes him, but saves those lives entrusted to his care.

It is a forlorn hope the Cuban girl entertains.

Even an experienced matador might shudder if given the task with only a slender dagger in place of the trusty sword.

She seeks to have the beast start at the red shawl, perhaps to lead him a chase round the arena while the women are being drawn up by stags and fails to start aside. They see her make a fruitless stroke at the beast; then comes the sound of impact.

It causes Jack's blood to run cold, she once had in hand. A horse does not stop, with mad bounds, he presses on, clearing the intervening ground.

Taurus has only halted long enough to present as he once more lowers his head, and giving a muffled roar, starts toward the defenseless woman. All defenseless no longer, for Jack Travers has, by a heroic effort, reached her and planted himself squarely in front.

He pants for breath, but the hand that raises the revolver is as steady as a rock, for he knows, this man of the plains, how much depends upon his nerve at this juncture.

As a cattleman, Jack is very familiar with animals, and this is hardly the first adventure in which he has figured with a raging bull as his opponent.

This knowledge of anatomy, as applied to the long horns of Texas, is very apt to prove of advantage to him under the conditions with which he is now confronted; for it means something to know just where to place a logical bullet in order to instantly paralyze an onrushing monster.

Another hush succeeding the universal cry of horror attending the catastrophe that marked the last rush of the bull.

This is broken by the sharp report of the revolver.

The beast instantly ceases his gallop; as though stricken by an electric bolt, he plunges forward, as his forelegs fail in their duty.

"Hurrah!" the mighty monster is down.

A shout arises that rends the air. Every living being in all that vast

arena is shouting. The hand that raises the revolver is as steady as a rock.

Amphitheater joins in the whirlwind of applause, such that the overwhelming sense of relief that sweeps over the multitude upon finding that no more women are to be offered up as victims. They can see men overthrown any day, and applaud with "Bravo, toro!" the plucky beast that battles for his life, but with the gentler sex in the arena it is a different thing.

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THE MODERN FARMER.

How He Lives, as Compared With Fifty Years Ago.

The farming life of today, as contrasted with that of fifty years ago, is a veritable paradise of comfort and convenience.

The lonely loghouse, remote from market and devoid of advantages that a half cycle of time has made possible, would scarcely appeal to the present-day farmer.

The twentieth-century soil tiller has practically all the modern comforts. His mail is delivered daily. He has telephone connection with the buying and selling world, affording the best opportunities for marketing his produce.

His home is of recent architecture, constructed of wood, brick or stone, and well furnished. He has modern plumbing and modern heating, and with the advent of acetylene gas, he has modern lighting.

He is attractively illuminated as that of his city brother, for it is a suggestive fact that the modern farmer's home is in the latest style of modern architecture.

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TOKIO OFFICIALLY STATES RUSSIAN FLEET HAS BEEN DESTROYED

Tokio, May 28, 2:15 p. m.—It is announced officially that Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet has been practically annihilated. Twelve warships have been sunk or captured and two transports and two torpedo-boat destroyers have been sunk.

Second battle reported under way Sunday near Okla.

Japan continues policy of closing telegraph and cables to press dispatches from the east.

St. Petersburg without news other than that furnished from American diplomats at Shanghai and Tokio, but almost convinced of another disaster. Washington hopes peace will soon follow.

President Roosevelt asks Russia to explain sinking of American vessel by Rojestvensky's warships; can't admit claims international law justifies step as war measure.

All advices indicate that the main fighting force of the Russian fleet was engaged, and it is believed the fleet was of a running character, which would account for Tokyo's delay in reporting details.

All authorities at St. Petersburg declared themselves in entire ignorance of the situation.

Japanese vessels reported sunk: Battleships Okla and Borodino, three cruisers, and one transport ship.

Japanese vessels reported lost: One battleship, one cruiser, one transport, one torpedo-boat destroyer, one minesweeper, one tug, one auxiliary vessel, one hospital ship, one supply ship, one transport, one auxiliary vessel, one hospital ship, one supply ship.

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WORTH REMEMBERING.

There are three entirely different kinds of ingredients used in making the three different varieties of baking powders on the market, viz:—(1) Mineral Acid or Alum, (2) Bone-Acid or Phosphate, and (3) Cream of Tartar made from grapes. It is important, from the standpoint of health, to know something about these ingredients, and which kind is used in your baking powder.

(1) Mineral-Acid, or Alum, is made from a kind of clay. This is mixed with diluted acid of vitriol and from this solution a product is obtained which is alum. Alum is cheap; costs about two cents a pound, and baking powder made from this Mineral-Acid sells from 10 to 25c. a pound.

(2) Bone-Acid, or Phosphate, is the basis of phosphate baking powders and the phosphate is fully described in the patents issued to a large manufacturer of a phosphate powder. The U. S. Patent Office Report gives a full and exact description, but the following extract is enough:

"Burned bones, after being ground, are put into freshly diluted acid of vitriol and with continual stirring and filtering the solution is made clear and the following proportions are used:

(3) Cream of Tartar exists in all ripe grapes, and flows with the juice from the press in the manufacture of wine. After the wine is drawn off the tartar is scraped from the cask, boiled with water, and crystals of Cream of Tartar, white and very pure, separate and are collected. It differs in no respect from the form in which it originally occurs in the grape. Cream of Tartar, then, while the most expensive, is the only ingredient that should be used in a baking powder to act upon the soda, as its wholesomeness is beyond question. Cream of Tartar baking powders sell at about 40 to 50 cents a pound.

Such are the facts, and every one, careful of the health of the family, should remember this rule—Baking powders selling from 10 to 25 cents a pound are made of Mineral-Acids; those selling from 25 to 30 cents of Bone-Acid; and those from 40 to 50 cents of Cream of Tartar made from grapes.

Beer and "Cop."

E. Fisher, who holds an off beer license in Hamilton street, Barrow, was fined \$25 and costs for supplying a constable on duty with beer without an order from his superior officer. Fisher's defense was that he was drawing the beer for himself, and the constable had called in for a pie. He caused some astonishment when he added, "They often call in for a pie."—English Exchange.

Drinking Water for the Study.

A useful article is a study of a small filter for drinking water, which should be filled and run off every day. People are often fevered with hard work and when the appetite languishes in warm weather and they are pressed for time they can take a glass of cold water with a little lemon juice squeezed into it and find it most refreshing, then, when nothing else will tempt them.

Rehearsal Before Performance.

A real, bona-fide engagement is nothing more or less than a dress rehearsal. The original rehearsal company are married at once, but generally the leading man and leading lady are changed several times before you find the two who just fit the opposing roles. In some instances the "digestions of Polly."

Satan His Favorite.

The mother of a little 4-year-old boy of Tampa is in the commendable habit of telling him Bible stories, of which she has a wide range at command. She was a trifle surprised the other evening when he looked up and said: "Satan, please, I want more about Satan. He is the dandiest fellow of 'em all."—Tampa Times.

Making a Soft Bet.

A Kansas man has made a bet that he could invent a question to which fifty people would all give the same answer. The experiment has been tried and it works like a charm. The question is this: "Have you heard that Smith has committed suicide?" Answer: "What Smith?"—Kansas City Journal.

Back at Work Again.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 22nd.—(Special)—Crippled by Kidney Disease till he could not stand on his feet for the most part, Mr. R. R. McLean, 90 East Perry St., this city had to quit work entirely. Now he's back at work again and he does not hesitate to give the credit to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"Yes," Mr. McLean says "I was too bad, I had to quit, I could not stand on my feet for the necessary hours. It was Kidney Disease I had, and a friend advised me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I did so and after using six boxes am completely cured and am working as steadily as before I was sick. I recommend Dodd's Pills to any one afflicted with Kidney trouble."

There is no form of Kidney Disease, Dodd's Kidney Pills will not cure. They always cure Bright's Disease, the most advanced and deadly stage of Kidney Disease.

Know Yourself.

Everybody who writes a book makes a more or less public confession of his own character. So every reader who likes or dislikes a book makes a confession to himself of himself in the process. It is an easy way, close at hand, of learning whether you are right with the world or not.

Healed in 30 minutes by Woodford's Standard Kidney Pills. Sold by all wholesale and retail druggists.

Dangerous, Anyway.